

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 1, line 3:

RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 application of international application number PCT/IB2004/050463, filed on October 28, 2004, which claims priority to German application numbers 103 17 793.3 filed on April 16, 2003 and 102004001613.5 filed on January 9, 2004, the contents of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

FIELD OF INVENTION

Please add the following new section heading after the paragraph ending at page 1, line 6:

BACKGROUND

Please add the following new section heading after the paragraph ending at page 4, line 7:

SUMMARY

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 4, line 11:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace the abstract at page 14 with the following amended abstract:

Process for ~~the manufacture of~~ manufacturing a spraying, conversion, punching and/or casting tools as well as prototypes starting ~~out~~ from a models characterised by the following steps [[of]]:

[[v]] i. Roughening of the surface of the model without chemical pretreatment of ~~the a~~ surface of the model;

[[vii]] ii. Applying an intermediate layer of copper or nickel to the surface of the model, the ~~metallie~~ intermediate layer ~~not~~ being applied by ~~thermal spraying, CVD, PVD or laser treatment~~ a chemical reduction process;

[[vii]] iii. Applying a metallic or ceramic coating onto the intermediate layer by thermal spraying; and

[[viii]] iv. Removing the model from the intermediate layer.